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NEXT MEETING - EMO BUILDING - OSHAWA AIRPORT - NOV. 9

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Last month we had our annual auction and some came away much richer, material-wise. One who didn't fare so well was John, VE3FGL, who paid 25 cents as the last bid of the evening for what turned out to be an empty box. Many thanks to Stan, 3BSY, who did a fine job as auctioneer.

We are in a quandary at the present time regarding a meeting place. Those of you who were at the last meeting will recall the long wait for the room. We have been 'sold out' on Tuesday night and were given the alternative of Wednesday or Thursday night. Rather than change our meeting night from Tuesday, which seems to suit most people, we have arranged to meet this time at the EMO TRAINING BUILDING at the very top of Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa.

Next meeting will be known as OLD-TIMER'S NIGHT and we hope to have some older equipment on display along with a number of slides with comments from some of the older amateurs who recall the ancient days. If you are one of those who either operated legally or played around with any radio gear in the 20's or even 30's, come along and trade ideas.

Ken

FM NEWS

VE3OSH has been fortunate enough to acquire 2 new co-linear antennas which have been installed up at the repeater and are working very well. We have had reports of much better coverage from various areas and can now hit Newcastle as good or better than RPT. For those who may wonder, the Receiving antenna is mounted on the very top of the tower with the Transmitting antenna down on the south side. The latter gives a dumb-bell pattern favouring east and west. Our high-riggers went to a lot of trouble to make this change and we take our caps off for their efforts. VE3CTM, 3FIV, 3QG, 3DDD and 3GEN get kudos from the 2m FM users. We had a problem with the audio but 3QG has fixed it - meantime we had a spare receiver operating which had a long tail. Ten tubes were replaced in the regular receiver and this reminds us that donations are still being received for the regular operation, maintenance, up-dating, etc. See 3QG and he will take the cash or your rubber cheque.

RSO CONVENTION

The 4th Annual Convention was held on Oct. 23-24 at the Holiday Inn at Hespeler and some 450 or so were in attendance. Friday night featured a Hawaiian Buffet complete with music and leis for everyone. Delicious food placed on half pineapple shells with Roast beef, olives, chicken, potatoes and excellent coffee plus many other choices was available. On Saturday they packed the Great Hall and had to feed 14 people in the regular coffee shop or dining room.

Fred Hammond had a display of many old tubes from the peanut variety to large transmitting tubes all light up and mounted in rows on long chassis. He and Bill Choat, 3CO reminisced about their use in past days and it showed the advances in this part of radio. One of the tubes in the group was made by Fred's brother and was in good working condition. A large rotary spark-gap made and used by the late Moe, VE1XG knocked out all the TV sets for miles around when the key was pressed.

Ham TV in colour was another feature. They do it with filters (not mirrors), and take 3 pictures of the object or picture. They are sent one at a time and reconstructed at the receiving end and amazingly, they can recover a beautiful reproduction from that green tube. Apparently there are sufficient colours in the phosphor to photograph. We saw one of the Peanuts characters (dog) and it was hard to believe it came over the air. VE3QG, FGH, SZ, EZX, ATI were there from this area. Next year the Convention will be at Conestoga College in Kitchener. See you there.